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Applicant(s) : Pardo-Fernandez et al.  
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New York, New York  
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the December 19, 2001 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the shortened statutory period, the time for response is up to and including March 19, 2002. Thus, the response is timely filed.

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